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ECO-CITY PROJECT
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Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) Whether the Government has launched an Eco-city Project;

(b) if so, the salient features thereof;

(c) the details of the towns selected for Eco-city Project; and

(d) the time fixed for the completion of the project and the amount spent till now on each of the projects?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI NAMO NARAIN MEENA)

(a) to (d) An Eco-City Programme was initiated by the Ministry of Environment and Forests in the Tenth Five Year Plan, which is being implemented by the Central Pollution Control Board (CPCB) through the concerned State Pollution Control Boards and Municipalities. The Programme has been conceptualized to improve the environment and bring in visible results through implementation of identified environmental improvement projects in the selected towns/cities.

2. The specific objectives of the Programme are:

- identify the environmental problems in the selected towns through participatory approach;
- designing and detailing the prioritized environmental improvement projects; and
- creation of landmarks that show visible environmental improvement.

3. The following six towns have been selected in the pilot phase of the Eco-City Programme based on the project proposals received from the Municipalities.

(i) Kottayam
(ii) Puri
(iii) Tirupati
(iv) Ujjain
(v) Vrindavan
(vi) Thanjavour

4. The projects undertaken under the pilot phase of the Programme for the respective towns are under various stages of implementation. The Programme which was initiated during the Tenth Five Year Plan is being continued during the first year of the Eleventh Plan. The Plan size including the schemes for implementation during the remaining years of the Eleventh Five Year Plan is not finalized as yet.

5. The amount released by the Central Pollution Control Board till the last financial year 2006-2007 for the respective projects, town-wise is given below:

S.No	Town	Amount Released in Lakhs of Rupees
1.	Kottayam	40.84
2.	Puri	55.53
3.	Tirupati	49.34
4.	Ujjain	67.41

5. Vrindavan 43.00
6. Thanjavour Nil